

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 29, 36, and 40, and CANCEL claims 1-28, 33-35, 37-39, and 41 without prejudice or disclaimer in accordance with the following:

1-28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method of recording information on an ~~a reproduction-only~~ optical information storage medium, comprising:

forming a burst cutting area (BCA);

forming a lead-in area;

forming a user data area;

forming a lead-out~~in~~ area; and

forming a transition area,

wherein at least one of the BCA, the lead-in area, the user data area, and the lead-out area is divided into a plurality of sub-areas, and

wherein the transition area is located between two adjacent sub-areas.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein pits for the sub-areas and pits for transition area are each formed in a straight pattern or a wobbling pattern.

31. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the straight pattern is one of a straight single pattern, a straight specific pattern, and a straight random pattern.

32. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the wobbling pattern is one of a wobbling single pattern, a wobbling specific pattern, and a wobbling random pattern.

33-35. (Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended) A method of reproducing information from an reproduction-only optical information storage medium, comprising:

reading data from at least one of a burst cutting area (BCA), a lead-in area, a user data area, and a lead-outin area; and,

~~reading data from a transition area;~~

wherein at least one of the BCA, the lead-in area, the user data area, and the lead-out area is divided into a plurality of sub-areas, and

~~wherein the a~~ transition area is located between two adjacent sub-areas.

37-39. (Cancelled)

40. (Currently Amended) A method of recording information to and reproducing information from an read-only optical information storage medium, comprising:

forming, on the reproduction-only optical storage medium, a burst cutting area (BCA), a lead-in area, a user data area, a lead-in-out area, and a transition area; and

reading data from ~~the transition area and~~ at least one of the burst cutting area (BCA), the lead-in area, the user data area, and the lead-outin area,

wherein at least one of the BCA, the lead-in area, the user data area, and the lead-out area is divided into a plurality of sub-areas, and

wherein the transition area is located between two adjacent sub-areas.

41. (Cancelled)